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STATEMENT CONCERNING SMALL ENTITY

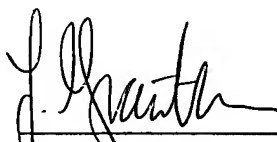
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This confirms that Applicant qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eastern Shores, Inc., is the owner of the patent application identified above by virtue of a chain of title from the inventor to the current assignee as shown below:

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By assignment (a copy of the assignment is attached)

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of Eastern Shores, Inc.

EASTERN SHORES, INC.

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